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Docket No.2788

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:Roby et al.

Serial No:

09/964,901

Filed:

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Examiner:

J.K. Michener

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For:

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